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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

MATZ, MARTIN H., AKA FISHER, ROBERT A

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONSULAR ACCESS: PER POST FILES, CONOFF INFORMED ONE DAY AFTER MATZ'S ARREST ON 5/21/75 BY AMERICAN EXPRESS AS HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO PASS FRADULENT TRAVLERS' CHECKS. VISITED SAME DAY. CONOFF WAITED FOR EIGHT HOURS TO SEE MATZ BEFORE PERMITTED TO DO SO. AT THAT TIME, MATZ WAS GIVEN A LIST OF ATTORNEYS AND INFO SHEET. HE DID NOT WISH NOK NOTIIFIED. HE INDICATED HE HAD NOT REQUESTED CALL EMBASSY BUT DID HAVE TO PAY 1,000 PESOS TO BE PERMITTED TO CALL LAWYER.

2. MISTREATMENT AT TIME OF ARREST: IN STATEMENT GIVEN CONOFF 7/23/75 (SEVENTH INTERVIEW), MATZ ALLEGED OFFICIALS THREATENED TO BEAT HIM AND TOOK PISTOL, POINTED AT HEAD AND SAID GOING TO SHOOT HIM. HE STATED THAT OFFICIAL FROM MINISTERIO PUBLICO OFFERED TO LET HIM MAKE A DESIRED TELEPHONE CALL IF HE COULD PERMIT AN INDECENT SEXUAL ACT.

3. MISTREATMENT WHILE IN PRISON: IN STATEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE MATZ ALLEGED HE HAD TO PAY 40 PESOS PER DAY TO KEEP OFF WORK DETAILS AND WOULD NEED TO PAY 11,000 PESOS FOR PRIVATE CELL AND EXEMPTION FROM FAJINA. NO INDICATION HE EVER PAID THAT AMOUNT AND IS NO LONGER IN LARGE CELL.

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ALLEGES WHEN DID NOT PAY FOR COFFEE AND GELATIN FOR

SIXTY OTHER PRISONERS SHORTLY AFTER ARREST WAS HIT AND  
FELL PULLING LIGAMENT IN WRIST. WHEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL,  
HE SAID HE WAS FORCED TO SIGN STATEMENT THAT HE  
INJURED WRIST ON ATHLETIC FIELD. MATZ HAD NO FURTHER  
COMPLAINTS ON SUBSEQUENT CONOFF VISITS. IN VIEW OF LACK  
OF TIMELY COMPLAINTS TO CONOFF, THERE APPEARS LITTLE  
LIKELIHOOD EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE COULD BE DEVELOPED  
AT THIS LATE DATE. AT INITIAL INTERVIEW, MATZ DID NOT  
CLAIM MISTREATMENT.

4. COMMISSIONED JOB: MATZ HAS COMMISSIONED JOB AND IS  
SATISFIED RECEIVING FULL CREDIT FOR IT.  
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